

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 159

By Bailey

A RESOLUTION congratulating Bob Bradley on his induction into the Austin Peay State University Athletics Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body are honored to recognize those individuals who have gained recognition for their contributions to the world of collegiate athletics; and

WHEREAS, Bob Bradley is one such individual, who was recently inducted into the Austin Peay State University (APSU) Athletics Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, a native of Elkton, Kentucky, Mr. Bradley was a standout basketball player at Todd County Central High School and attended a small college in Kentucky for one year before matriculating to APSU in 1959; and

WHEREAS, Bob Bradley was a valued member of the APSU Governors basketball team for three seasons, 1958–59, 1959–60, and 1960–61, during which time he led the team to a 58–24 record and two consecutive twenty-win seasons, a first in the program’s illustrious history; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Mr. Bradley and the Governors made two appearances in the Volunteer State Athletic Conference (VSAC) tournament title game, winning the VSAC crown in 1960, and earned two consecutive bids (1960 and 1961) to the NCAA tournament. The 1960–61 team defeated Chattanooga and Belmont Abbey to advance to the NCAA tournament’s Elite Eight; and

WHEREAS, Bob Bradley earned a number of individual awards during his tenure as a Governor, including two All-VSAC awards, an All-Region recognition, and three VSAC All-

-Tournament awards, and set a single-game Governors record of twenty-seven rebounds, a record that would stand for twelve years; and

WHEREAS, following his graduation from APSU, Mr. Bradley dedicated his passion, leadership, and commitment to the pursuit of excellence in molding young minds. For thirty years, he was a sterling educator and coach at the high school and elementary school levels in Kentucky and Illinois; and

WHEREAS, he is perhaps most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his wife, Dixie, their two children, and their five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, during his years as a Governor, Bob Bradley displayed a passion for winning, an unwavering dedication to his teammates and coaches, and an unassailable commitment to athletic excellence, and it is wholly fitting that we commend his recent recognition by the university; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and congratulate Bob Bradley on his recent induction into the Austin Peay State University Athletics Hall of Fame, extending our best wishes to him for his success and happiness in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.